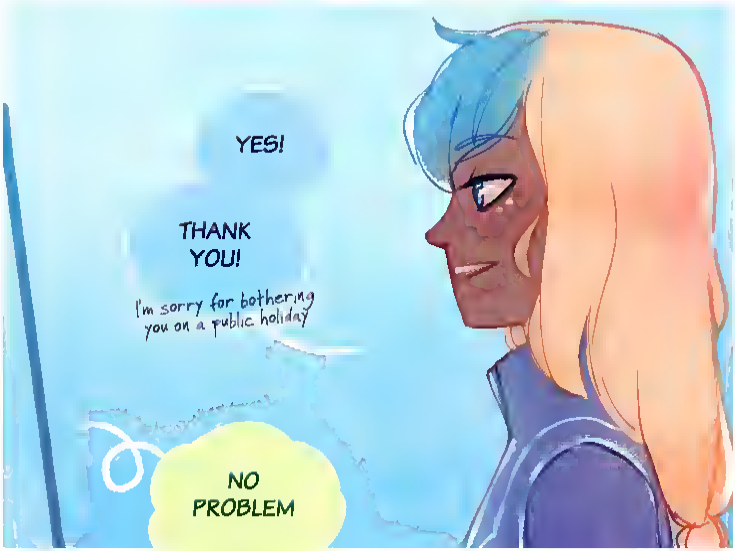
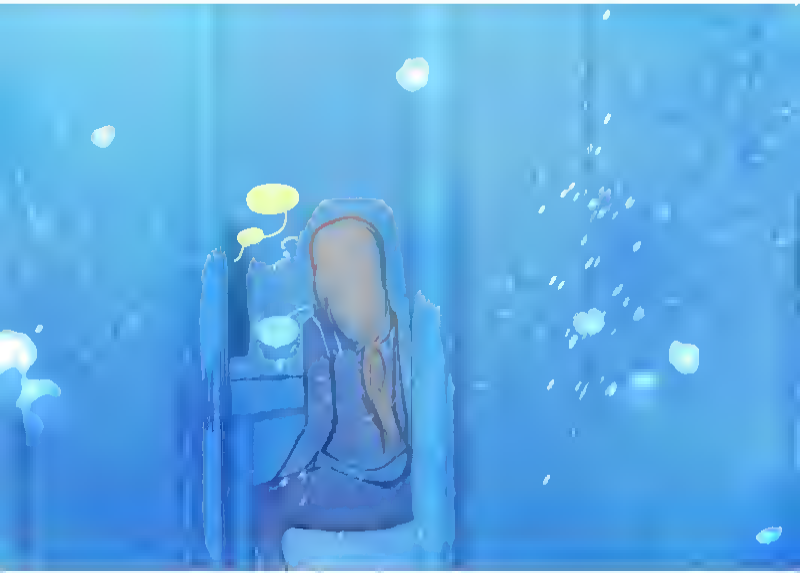
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING.



EVEN AS THE WORDS COME OUT OF MY MOUTH IT DOESN'T QUITE FEEL REAL.

DON'T FORGET TO LET ME KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE SEEING YOU OFF AT STARCLIMBER.
we'll need at few days to organise it
I WILL, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

BUT THIS IS REAL.



I'LL BE GOING TO SYDNEY ON MONDAY.

THEN AFTER TWO DAYS IN SYDNEY
I'LL GO UP TO STARCLIMBER STATION.

AND I'LL TRAIN THERE, FOR THREE WEEKS,
UNTIL THE ERASMUS SWINGS BY EARTH.

AND THEN-

AND THEN I'LL GO TO ENCELADUS.

ALWAYS HUMAN

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SORRY ABOUT MY PARENTS
NO, NO THEY'RE LOVELY

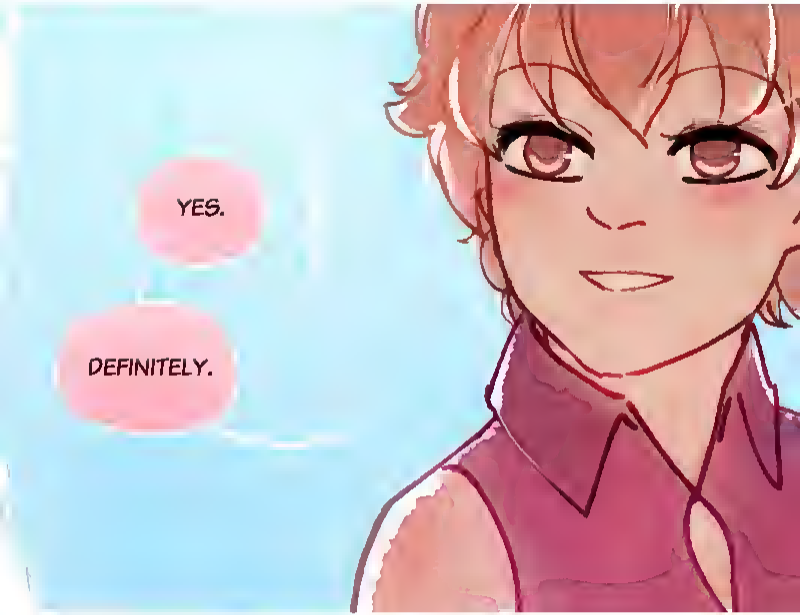
I'M SO RELIEVED THAT THEY SEEM TO LIKE ME.
flop
. . . THEY DO LIKE ME, RIGHT?

ha!
THE WAY THEY SEE IT, YOU CONVINCED ME TO GO TO ENCELADUS
THEY'RE GOING TO LOVE YOU FOREVER.

hmmm
SO I SUPPOSE IT'S NOW YOUR TURN TO MEET MY PARENTS ~
OH WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT, I'M HEADING OFF-PLANET
GUESS I WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET THEM FOR AT LEAST FOURTEEN MONTHS.
what a pity

HEY, DON'T GIVE UP SO QUICKLY!
THEY COULD MEET UP WITH YOU IN SYDNEY BEFORE
HERE, PYJAMAS FOR YOU.
THWOP
...
SO KIND OF YOU.

AUSTEN,
WILL WE BE OKAY?


YES.
DEFINITELY.

YOU SOUND VERY CERTAIN.

OF COURSE I'M CERTAIN.

SUNATI, DON'T YOU REALISE HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME?
YOU'VE CHANGED MY LIFE.
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU TO COME BACK
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT.

AND-
AND I KNOW IT WON'T BE EASY.
AND I KNOW IT'S A REALLY LONG TIME TO BE APART.

BUT I'M CHOOSING
TO BELIEVE THAT
WE CAN DO THIS.

I BELIEVE IN US.
DON'T YOU?

I KNOW IT'S NAIVE TO THINK THAT THIS WILL WORK OUT JUST BECAUSE WE WANT IT TO.

YEAH,
I DO.

I KNOW THAT, AND YET...

RIGHT NOW I'M CERTAIN TOO.

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